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Taken the 22d. of *October* 1688.

BEFORE THE

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AND

PEERS of *ENGLAND*;

Relating to the Birth of the (*Then*) PRINCE of *WALES*.

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IN

WHITEHALL,

Monday the 22d. of *October*, 1688.

THIS Day an extraordinary Council met, where were likewise present, by His Majesty's Desire and Appointment, Her Majesty the Queen Dowager, and such of the Peers of this Kingdom, both Spiritual and Temporal, as were in Town: And also the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London, The Judges, and several of Their Majesties Council, Learn'd, hereafter named.

The King's most Excellent Majesty.

Her Majesty the Queen Dowager, in a Chair placed on the King's Right Hand.

His R. H. Prince *George* of *Denmark*,
Lord Chancellor,
Lord Preſident,
Lord Privy-Seal,
Duke of *Hamilton*,
Lord Chamberlain,
Earl of *Oxford*,
Earl of *Hmntingdon*,
Earl of *Peterborow*,
Earl of *Craven*,
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Duke of *Norfolk*,
Duke of *Grafton*,
Duke of *Ormond*,
Duke of *Northumberland*,
Marquiſs of *Halifax*,
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Earl of *Middleton*,
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Earl of *Caſtlemain*,
Viſcount *Preſton*,
Lord *Bellaſyſe*,
Lord *Godolphin*,
Lord *Dover*,
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer,
Maſter of the Rolls,
L. Ch. Juſtice *Herbert*,
Sir *Thomas Strickland*,
Sir *Nicolas Butler*,
Mr. *Titus*,

Viſcount *Newport*,
Viſcount *Weymouth*,
Biſhop of *London*,
Biſhop of *Winchester*,
Biſhop of *Rochester*,
Biſhop of *Cheſter*,
Biſhop of St. *Davids*,
Lord *North*,
Lord *Chandois*,
Lord *Montague*,
Lord *Herbert* of *Cherbury*,
Lord *Vaughan* Earl of *Carberry*,
Lord *Colepepper*,
Lord *Churchill*,
Lord *Waldgrave*,

The Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of *London*.

Sir *Robert Wright*, Lord Chief Juſtice of the King's Bench.
Sir *Thomas Powel*,
Sir *Robert Baldock*, } Juſtices of the King's Bench.

Sir

Sir *Thomas Street*,
Sir *Edward Lutwich*, } Juſtices of the Common Pleas.
Sir *Thomas Jennor*,

Sir *Richard Heath*,
Sir *Charles Ingleby*, } Barons of the Exchequer.
Sir *John Rotheram*,

Sir *John Maynard*,
Sir *John Holt*, } His Majeſty's Serjeants at Law.
Sir *Ambroſe Philips*,

Sir *Thomas Powis*, His Majeſty's Attorney-General.
Sir *William Williams*, His Majeſty's Solicitor-General,
Sir *James Butler*.
Mr. *North*, the Queen's Attorney.
Mr. *Montague*, the Queen's Solicitor.
Sir *Charles Porter*.

To whom His Majeſty ſpake to this Effect.

My Lords,

I *Have called you together, upon a very extraordinary Occaſion; but extraordinary Diſeaſes muſt have extraordinary Remedies. The malicious Endeavours of my Enemies have ſo poiſon'd the Minds of ſome of my Subjects, That by the Reports I have from all Hands, I have Reaſon to believe, That very many do not think this Son with which God hath bleſſed Me, to be Mine, but a ſuppoſed Child. But I may ſay, that by particular Providence, ſcarce any Prince was ever Born where there were ſo many Perſons preſent.*

I have taken this Time to have the Matter Heard and Examined here, Expecting that the Prince of Orange, *with the firſt Eaſtwardly Wind, will Invade this Kingdom. And as I have often ventured My Life for the Nation before I came to the Crown, ſo I think My Self more obliged to do the ſame, now I am* King; *and do intend to go in Perſon againſt him, whereby I may be expoſed to Accidents, and therefor I thought it neceſſary to have this now done, in Order to ſatisfy the Minds of My Subjects, and to prevent this Kingdom's being engaged in Blood and Confuſion af-*

after my Death, desiring to do always what may contribute most to the Ease and Quiet of my Subjects, which I have shewed by Securing to them their Liberty of Conscience, and the Enjoyment of their Properties, which I will always preserve.

I have desired the Queen Dowager to give Her Self the Trouble to come hither, to Declare what she knows of the Birth of My Son, and most of the Ladies, Lords, and other Persons who were present, are ready here to Depose upon Oath their Knowledge of this Matter.

Whereupon the Queen Dowager was pleased to say,

THat when the King sent for her to the Queen's Labour, she came as soon as she could, and never stirred from her till she was Delivered of the Prince of *Wales*. *Catharina R.*

And the following Depositions were all taken upon Oath.

Elizabeth Lady Marchioness of *Powis* Deposeth,

THAT about the 29th of *December* last, the Queen was likely to miscarry; whereupon she immediatly went unto her, and offered Her some effectual Remedies, which are made Use of on the like Occasion, which the Queen ordered this Deponent to acquaint the Doctors with. The Day following the Queen Dowager sent this Deponent to see how the Queen did, who replied, She had a pretty good Night, and did think she had quickned, but would not be positive till she felt it again; That after this the Deponent did frequently wait on the Queen in the Morning, and did see her shift herself several Days, and generally saw the Milk, and sometimes Wet upon her Smock. That sometime after, this Deponent went into the Country, and came not up till a few Days before the Queen was brought to Bed, and from the Time of this Deponent's Return she saw the Queen every Day till she was brought to Bed, and was in the Room a Quarter of an Hour before, and at the Time of her Delivery of the Prince by Mrs. *Wilks* Her Majesty's Midwife, which this Deponent saw, and immediatly went with the Prince, carried by Mrs. *Delabadie* into the Queen's little Bed-Chamber, where she saw Sir *Thomas Witherly*, sent for by the Midwife, who gave the Child Three Drops of something which came into the World with him,

him, which this Deponent saw done: And this Deponent doth aver, this Prince to be the same Child which was then born, and that she has never been from him one Day since.

Eliza. Powis.

Anne Countess of *Arran* Deposeth,

THAT she went to the Queen from *Whitehall* to St. *James's* as soon as she heard that Her Majesty was in Labour: When she came, she found the Queen in Bed, complaining of little Pains, the Lady *Sunderland*, Lady *Roscommon*, Mrs. *Labadie*, and the Midwife, were on that Side of the Bed where the Queen lay; and this Deponent, with a great many others, stood on the other Side all the Time while the Queen was delivered: As soon as Her Majesty was delivered, she said, *O Lord, I don't hear the Child cry*; and immediately upon that, this Deponent did hear it cry, and saw the Midwife take the Child out of the Bed, and give it to Mrs. *Labadie*, who carried it into the little Bed-Chamber, where she, this Deponent, followed her, and saw that it was a Son, and that likewise she, the Deponent, hath several Times seen Milk run out upon the Queen's Smock during her being with Child.

A. Arran.

Penelope Countess of *Peterborow* Deposeth.

THAT she was often with the Queen, while Her Majesty was last with Child, and saw the Milk often upon Her Majesty's Smock, when she, the Deponent, took it off from the Queen, and often saw Her Majesty's Belly, so as it could not be otherwise, but that she was with Child. That the said Deponent stood by the Bed-Side on the Tenth of *June* last in the Morning, while the Queen was delivered of the Prince of *Wales*.

P. Peterborow.

Anne Countess of *Sunderland*, Deposeth,

THAT *June* the Tenth 1688, being *Trinity Sunday*, the Deponent went to St. *James's* Chappel at Eight of the Clock in the Morning, intending to receive the Sacrament; but

in the Beginning of the Communion Service, the Man who looks to the Chappel came to the Deponent, and told her, ſhe muſt come to the Queen, the Deponent ſaid, She would as ſoon as Prayers were done. In a very little Time after, another Man came up to the Altar to the Deponent, and ſaid, The Queen was in Labour, and the Deponent muſt come to Her Majeſty, who then went directly to the Queens Bed-Chamber. As ſoon as the Deponent came in, Her Majeſty told her, this Deponent, ſhe believed ſhe was in Labour. By this Time the Bed was warmed, and the Queen went into Bed, and the King came in. The Queen asked the King, if he had ſent for the Queen Dowager, he ſaid he had ſent for every Body. The ſaid Deponent ſtood at the Queen's Bolſter, the Lady *Roſcommon*, Mrs. *Delabadie*, and the Midwife, on that Side of the Bed where the Queen was delivered. After ſome lingring Pains, the Queen ſaid, She feared ſhe ſhould not be brought to Bed a good while; but enquiring of the Midwife, ſhe aſſured Her Majeſty, That ſhe wanted only one thorow Pain to bring the Child into the World; upon which the Queen ſaid, It is impoſſible, the Child lies ſo high, and commanded this Deponent to lay her Hand on Her Majeſty's Belly, to feel how high the Child lay, which the Deponent did; but ſoon after a great Pain came on at paſt Nine of the Clock, and the Queen was delivered, which the Midwife by pulling the Deponent by the Coat, aſſured her was a Son, it being the Sign, ſhe told the Deponent ſhe would give her, the Queen having charged her not to let Her Majeſty know preſently, whether it was Son or Daughter. As ſoon as the Midwife had given the Deponent the Sign, the Deponent made a Sign to the King that it was a Son. When the Midwife had done her Office, ſhe gave the Child to Mrs. *Delabadie*, which was a Son, and ſhe carried it into the little Bed-Chamber.

A. Sunderland.

Iſabella Counteſs of *Roſcommon*, Depoſeth,

THAT on the Tenth of *June* laſt, ſhe ſtood by the Lady *Sunderland* in the Queen's Bed-chamber, while the Queen

was

was in Labour, and saw the Prince of *Wales*, when he was taken out of the Bed by the Midwife.

I. Roscommon

Margaret Countess of *Fingal*, Deposeth,

THAT she waited on the Queen Dowager her Mistriss into the Queen's Bed-chamber, at St. *James*'s, when the Queen was in Labour, and stood by the Bed's Feet, when Her Majesty was delivered of the Prince. That the Deponent saw the Prince carried away into another Room, and soon after followed, and saw him in that Room.

Marg. Fingall.

Lady *Sophia Bulkely*, Deposeth,

THAT she was sent for on *Trinity Sunday* last past, about Eight a Clock in the Morning to go to St. *James*'s; for the Man that came said, the Queen was in Labour, and he, and others were sent to call every Body. That this Deponent made as much haste as she could to rise and be dress't, but did not get to the Queen's Bed-chamber, until a little after Nine a Clock, and then this Deponent found the Queen in her Bed, and the Queen Dowager there set upon a Stool, and some of the Ladies about her. After this Deponent having staid a little while, and thinking the Queen in no strong Pain, she, this Deponent, went out, and, being next to the Room where the Queen's Linnen was a Warming, heard a Noise, and lookt to see what was the Matter, and finding no Body there, this Deponent ran and found the Lord *Feversham* in the Queen's little Bed-chamber, who told this Deponent the Child was just born; this Deponent ask't him, What is it? His Lordship said he could not tell, so this Deponent ran on to the Queen's Bed-side, and heard the Queen say to the Midwife, Pray, Mrs *Wilks*, don't part the Child (which signifies, don't cut the Navel-string, until the After-birth is come away) And while the Queen was with Child, this Deponent hath heard Her Majesty command her Midwife not to do otherwise, it being counted much the safest way; but to what the Queen said just then (to the best of this Deponent's Remembrance) Mrs. *Wilks* replyed, Pray

Madam

Madam give me leave, for I will do nothing, but what will be ſafe for Your Self and Child. The Queen anſwered, Do then, and then cryed, Where is the King gone; His Majeſty came immediately from the other Side of the Bed (from juſt having a Sight of the Child) and anſwered the Queen, Here I am; the Queen ſaid, why do ye leave me now? The King kneeled on the Bed, on that ſide where the Deponent ſtood, and a little after the Midwife ſaid, All is now come ſafe away: Upon that the King roſe from the Bed and ſaid, Pray, my Lords come and ſee the Child: The King followed Mrs. *Delabadie*, and the Lords His Majeſty, into the little Bed-chamber, where this Deponent followed alſo, and ſaw as well as they, That it was a Prince, and that Mrs. *Wilks* was in the right to deſire to part the Child, for the Princes Face eſpecially his Forehead was blackiſh being ſtunn'd, as I have ſeen ſome other Children, when they have been juſt newly come into the World; but God be thanked, in two Hours time that he was dreſt and waſht, (which the Deponent ſtaid by and ſaw done) the Prince look'd very freſh and well. This Deponent doth further add, That all the while, the Queen was with Child, this Deponent had the Honour to pay her Duty very often Mornings and Nights, in waiting upon her Majeſty in her Dreſſing-room and Bed-chamber; and for the laſt three or four Months, this Deponent hath oftentimes ſeen the Queen's Milk, as well as when this Deponent hath had the Honour to put on her Majeſty's Smock.

S. Bulkeley.

Suſanna *Lady* Bellaſyſe *Depoſeth.*

THAT on *Trinity Sunday* the 10th of *June* laſt, the Deponent's Servant ſeeing the Queen Dowagers Coaches in St. *James's* at an unuſual Hour, went and asked the Occaſion, and was told, the Queen was in Labour; whereupon he came into the Deponent's Chamber, and awak'd her; That the Queen having come to lodge at *St. James's* but the Night before, they being in a great Hurry, forgot to call the Deponent as her Majeſty had ordered, That the Deponent made all the Haſte ſhe could into her Majeſty's Bed-chamber, and found the Queen in Bed, and Mrs. *Wilks* her Majeſty's Midwife, ſitting by the Bedſide, with her

her Hands in the Queen's Bed: The Queen asked her, the said Midwife, what she thought, Mrs. Willis assured her Majesty, That at the next great Pain the Child would be born: Whereupon the King ordered the Privy Counsellors to be called in, That this Deponent stood behind the Midwife's Chair, and immediately after the Queen's having another great Pain, the Prince was born, That this Deponent saw the Child taken out of the Bed with the Navel-string hanging to its Belly, That this Deponent opened the Receiver, and saw that it was a Son, and not hearing the Child cry, and seeing it a little black, she was afraid it was in a convulsion Fit.

S: Bellasyse.

Henrietta *Lady* Waldegrave *Deposeth*,

THAT she was in the Queen's Bed-chamber a quarter of an Hour before her Majesty was delivered, and standing by the Bedside she saw the Queen in Labour, and heard her cry out very much.

Henrietta Wentworth.

Mrs. Mary Crane, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-chamber to the Queen Dowager, Deposeth*,

THAT she went with the Queen Dowager to the Queen's Labour on the 10th of *June* last, and never stirred out of the Room till the Queen was delivered.

That this Deponent did not follow the Child, when it was first carried out of the Room, but staid in the Bed-chamber, and saw all that was to be seen after the Birth of a Child, That she, the Deponent, then went to see the Prince, and found him look ill, and immediately went to the King, and told his Majesty she feared the Child was sick, That his Majesty went immediately to the Prince, and came back and said it was a Mistake, the Child was very well.

Mary Crane.

Dame Isabella Wentworth, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-chamber to the Queen, Deposeth.*

THAT she often saw the Milk of her Majesty's Breast upon her Smock, at which the Queen was troubled, it being

common Saying, that the Child would not live: And that she, the Deponent, did once feel the Child stir in the Queen's Belly while her Majesty was in Bed, and that she was present when the Child was born, and staid till she hear'd it cry, and then went to fetch Vinegar for the Queen to smell to; she, the Deponent, heard the Queen command the Midwife not to tell her of what Sex it was, for fear of surprising her Majesty: When the Deponent brought the Vinegar, she did desire to see the Child, Mrs. *Delabadie* having it in her Arms. The Child looked black, whereupon the Deponent desired Doctor *Waldegrave* to look to it, believing it was not well: That the Deponent saw the Navel-string of the Child cut, and three Drops of the Blood, which came fresh out, given to him for the convulsion Fits.

Isabella Wentworh.

Dame Kathatine Sayer, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-chamber to the Queen Dowager, Deposeth,*

THAT she waited on the Queen Dowager to the Queen's Labour, and was all the Time by the Bed-side, and stood there, till the Queen was delivered, and followed the Child, when it was carried by Mrs. *Delabadie* to the little Bed-chamber, and took a warm Napkin and laid it on the Child's Breast, believing the Child was not well,

Katharine Sayer.

Dame Isabella Waldegrave, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-chamber to the Queen, Deposeth,*

THAT she was constantly with the Queen, when her Majesty was likely to miscarry, and had often seen Milk on her Majesty's Breasts, and was with the Queen at the Time of her Labour with the Prince and saw the Prince taken out of the Bed, and went after Mrs. *Delabadie* with the Prince in her Arms into the little Bed-chamber, and was by when the Child was shewn to the King that it was a Son; and this Deponent took the After-burden, and put it into a Bason of Water, and carried it into the Queen's Closet.

Isabella Waldegrave.

Mrs.

Mrs. Margaret Dawſon, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-chamber to the Queen, Depoſeth.*

THAT on the 10th of *June* laſt, in the Morning, ſhe was ſent for by the Queen out of St. *James*'s Chappel, where ſhe was at Prayers, and that coming up into the Queen's Chamber, ſhe found her ſitting all alone upon a Stool by the Beds-head, when the Queen ſaid to her, this Deponent, ſhe believed herſelf in Labour, and bid her the Deponent, get the Lallate-bed, which ſtood in the next Room, to be made ready quickly for her; but that Bed having never been aired, the Deponent perſuaded the Quen not to make uſe of it: After which the Queen bid the Deponent make ready the Bed ſhe came out of, which was done accordingly. The Deponent further ſaith, That ſhe ſaw Fire carried into the Queen's Room in a warming Pan to warm the Bed, after which the Queen went into her Bed, and that the Deponent ſtirred not from the Queen untill her Majeſty was delivered of a Son. That ſhe, this Deponent, well remembers, That on the 29th of *December* laſt, her Majeſty was afraid of Miſcarrying, which was about the Time ſhe quickned; and that after the Queen had gone 22 Weeks with Child, her Majeſty's Milk began to run, which ſhe the Deponent often ſaw upon her Smock, and that the 9th of *May* her Majeſty apprehended Miſcarrying again with a Fright.

Margaret Dawſon.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bromley, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-Chamber to the Queen, Depoſeth,*

THAT ſhe was ſick all Winter till a little before Eaſter laſt, when ſhe the Deponent came into waiting: That from that Time till the Queen was brought to bed, ſhe the Deponent ſaw the Queen put on her Smock every Morning; by which means ſhe ſaw the Milk conſtantly fall out of her Majeſty's Breaſts, and obſerv'd the Bigneſs of her Majeſty's Belly, which could not be counterfeit: That the Deponent came from *Whitehall* to the Queen's Labour to St. *James*'s the 10 of *June* laſt, and remained in the Room till the Queen was Deliver'd and afterwards; but did

not follow the Child till ſome time after, when ſhe the Depone went to ſee what coloured Eyes he had.

Elizabeth Bromley.

Mrs. Pelegrina Turini, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-chamber to the Queen, Depoſeth,*

THAT ſhe conſtantly attended the Queen when ſhe was laſt with child, and that on the Tenth of *June* laſt ſhe was in waiting on her Majeſty, who call'd her on the ſaid Tenth of *June* in the Morning, and told her the Deponent ſhe was in Pain, and bid her ſend for the Midwife, her Ladies and Servants; after which ſhe the Deponent ſtay'd with the Queen during her Labour, and until ſhe was Delivered of the Prince of *Wales.*

The Mark of Pelegrina [*X*] Turini.

Mrs. Anna Carey, *One of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-Chamber to the Queen Dowager, Depoſeth,*

THAT ſhe waited on the Queen Dowager from *Somerſet*-houſe to St. *James*'s the Day the Queen was brought to bed, and went into the Queen's Bed-chamber, where ſhe this Deponent ſtay'd till the Queen was Delivered, and ſaw the Prince aſſon as he was born.

Anna Carey.

Mrs. Mary Anne Delabadie, *Dry Nurſe to the Prince, Depoſeth,*

THAT ſhe was with the Queen all the Time her Majeſty was with child, and dreſs'd her every Day, and in all the nine Months, did not miſs above ſix Days, and that at ſeveral times by reaſon of Sickneſs.

That on *Sunday*-morning the Tenth of *June* laſt, ſhe the Deponent was ſent for to the Queen, who was in Labour: That the Deponent came preſently, and was with the Queen all the Time of her Labour; and that kneeling down by the Midwife, giving her Clothes for the Queen, the Midwife told this Deponent, that immediately on the next Pain the Queen would be Delivered, which accordingly ſhe was. That this Deponent whiſpered

pered to the Midwife, asking whether it was a Girl; she answered, No. Whereupon the Midwife parted the Child, and put it into the Recevoir that the Deponent had given her, and then delivered the Child to the Deponent, and bid her go and carry it to the Fire, and take care of the Navel; which this Deponent did, and the King and Council followed her: And the King asked this Deponent what it was, who answered, what he desired; the King replyed, but let me see, whereupon the Deponent presently shewed his Majesty that it was a Son, and the Privy Counsellors then present saw it one after another, whereupon the Deponent sat with the Prince in her Lap, till the Midwife had done with the Queen, then the Midwife came and took the Prince from this Deponent, and ask'd for a Spoon, for to give it Three Drops of the Blood of the Navel-string, which the Midwife cut off by the Advice of the Physicians, who said, it was good against Fits, that the Deponent held the Spoon when the Midwife dropt the Blood into it, and stirr'd it with a little black Cherry Water, and then it was given to the Prince; that the Queen sent for this Deponent, and gave her the Prince to take Care of Him, in Quality of dry Nurse, which she has hitherto done. And further Deposeth, it to be the same Child that was Born of the Queen. And that Mrs. *Danvers*, one of the Princess of *Denmark's* Women, and formerly Nurse to the Lady *Isabella*, coming to see the Prince, she told this Deponent, she was glad to see the same Marks upon his Eye, as the Queen's former Children had.

Mary Anne Delabadie.

Ms. *Judith Wilks* Deposeth,

THAT being the Queen's Midwife, she came often to her, especially when Her Majesty was in any Danger of Miscarrying, and many Times felt the Child stir in her Belly, and saw the Milk run out of Her Majesty's Breasts, that on *Trinity Sunday* last, in the Morning, about Eight of the Clock, the Queen sent Mr. *White*, Page of the Back-stairs. to call her this Deponent, believing herself in Labour, when the Deponent came, she found the Queen in great Pain and Trembling; the Queen told her she feared it was her Labour, it being near the Time of her first Reckoning, she the Deponent desired Her Majesty not to be afraid, saying, She did not

doubt that it was her full Time, and hoped Her Majeſty would have as good Labour as ſhe always had; and whilſt Her Majeſty was ſitting Trembling, her Water broke, and immediately ſhe ſent for the King, he being gone to his own Side, and let him know in what Condition ſhe was, and deſired him to ſend for whom he pleaſed to be preſent. The Queen ordered this Deponent to ſend for Mrs. *Dawſon*, and the reſt of her Women; Mrs. *Dawſon* came preſently, and the Counteſs of *Sunderland* with her, and the Reſt of the Women alſo, that moſt of them ſaw her, this Deponent make the Bed fit for the Queen to be delivered in, which, when it was ready, Her Majeſty was put into, and about Ten a Clock that Morning, the Queen was delivered of the Prince of WALES, by her this Deponent's Aſſiſtance, and afterwards, ſhe the Deponent ſhewed the After-burthen to the Phyſicians, and before them, the Deponent cut the Navel-ſtring, and gave the Prince Three Drops of his Blood, to prevent Convulſion Fits, according to their Order. And this Deponent further ſaith, That when the Child was born, it not crying, the Queen ſaid, She thought it was dead, this Deponent aſſured Her Majeſty it was not, and deſired leave to part the Chiid from the After-burthen, which the Queen was unwilling to have done, thinking it might be dangerous to herſelf; but the Deponent aſſuring Her Majeſty it would not, Her Majeſty gave Conſent, whereupon the Child preſently cryed, and then the Deponeut gave it to Ms. *Delabadie*.

Judith Wilks.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pearſe, *Landreſs to the Queen, Depoſeth*,

THAT about Nine a Clock, on the Tenth of *June* laſt, in the Morning, ſhe came into the Bed-chamber, and heard the Queen cry out, being in great Pain, in which ſhe continued until her Delivery; after which, ſhe the Deponent ſaw the Prince of WALES given by the Midwife to Mrs. *Delabadie*, that immediately after, the Deponent ſaw the Midwife hold up the After-burthen, ſhewing it to the Company, and then the Deponent fetcht her Maids, and with them took away all the foul Linnen, hot as they came from the Queen, that for a Month after Her Majeſty's Lying-in, the Deponent well knows

knows by the Waſhing of her Linnen, that the Queen was in the ſame Condition that all other Women uſe to be on the like Occaſion, and that ſome Time after her quickening, it appeared by her Smocks, that Her Majeſty had Milk in her Breaſts, which continued until ſhe was brought to Bed, and afterwards during the uſual Time.

Elizabeth Pearſe.

Frances *Dutcheſs of* Richmond *and* Lennox, *Depoſeth*,

THAT ſhe the Deponent was not at the Queen's Labour, becauſe ſhe did not know it Time enough, but as ſoon as ſhe did, ſhe made all the Haſte ſhe could to dreſs her, but the Queen was delivered before ſhe the Deponent came, and that at a Time when the Qeen apprehended ſhe ſhould Miſcarry, and the Phyſicians made Her Majeſty keep her Bed for that Reaſon, the Deponent went one Evening to wait upon Her Majeſty, and as ſhe ſtood by her Bed-ſide Her Majeſty ſaid to her, *My Milk is now very troubleſome, it runs out ſo much*, the Deponent asked the Queen if it uſed to do ſo, who anſwered, *It uſed to run out a little, but now the Fright I am in of Miſcarrying, makes it run out very much, as you may ſee*, throwing down the Bed-clothes to the Middle of her Stomach, and ſhewing her Smock upon her Breaſt to the ſaid Deponent, which was very wet with her Milk.

F. Richmond & Lennox.

Charlotte *Counteſs of* Lichfield *Depoſeth*,

THAT ſhe was not at the Queen's Labour, (being in Child-bed herſelf) but that ſhe was almoſt conſtantly with the Queen, while ſhe was with Child, and hath put on her Smock, and ſeen the Milk run out of her Breaſt, and felt her Belly, ſo that ſhe is ſure ſhe could not be deceived, but that the Queen was with Child.

C. Litchfield.

Anne *Counteſs of* Mariſchal *Depoſeth*,

THAT ſhe was ſeveral Times in the Queen's Bed-chamber when ſhe ſhifted herſelf, and hath ſeen her Smock ſtained with her Milk, that ſhe was not at the Queen's Labour, tho' ſent to by one of her Ladies, being Sick of a Fever, but does in her Conſcience believe Her Majeſty was with Child, both by her Belly and her Milk.

A. Mariſchal.

George *Lord* Jeffreys, *Lord Chancellor of* England *Depoſeth*,

THAT he being ſent for to St. *James*'s on the Tenth of *June* laſt, by a Meſſenger that left Word, the Queen was in Labour, ſoon after he, this Deponent came to St. *James*'s, and was ſent for into the Queen's Bed-chamber, and to the beſt of his, the Deponent's Apprehenſion the Queen was in Labour, and had a Pain or Two to the beſt of the Deponent's Remembrance, before the reſt of the Lords were called in. The Deponent ſtood all the Time at the Queen's Bed-ſide, and heard her cry out ſeveral Times as Women in Travel uſe to do, and at length after a long Pain, it was by ſome of the Women on the other Side of the Bed, ſaid the Child was born. The Deponent heard the Queen ſay, ſhe did not hear it cry, the Deponent immediately asked the Lord Preſident what it was, he whiſpered that it was a Boy, which the Deponent underſtood he had hinted to him by the Lady *Sunderland*. Immediatly the Deponent ſaw a Gentlewoman, who he hath ſince heard her Name to be Mrs. *Delabadie*, carry the Child into another Room, whither the Deponent followed, and ſaw the Child when ſhe firſt opened it, and ſaw it was black and reaking; ſo that it plainly ſeemed to this Deponent to have been newly come from the Womb. The Deponent doth therefor depoſe, he doth ſtedfaſtly believe the Queen was deliyered of that Child that very Morning.

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Robert *Earl of* Sunderland, *Lord Preſident of His Majeſty's Privy Council, and principal Secretary of State Depoſeth,*

THAT ou *Sunday* Morning the Tenth of *June* laſt, he was ſent to, to come to St. *James's*, the Queen being in Labour, the Deponent immediately went, and found many of the Lords of Council there. After having been ſome Time in an outward Room, firſt the Lord Chancellor, and then the reſt of the Council were called into the Queen's Bed-chamber, where in a ſhort Time Her Majeſty was brought to Bed, the Deponent ſaw Mrs. *Delabadie* carry the Child into the next Room, whither the Deponent followed, with many more, and ſaw it was a Son, and had the Marks of being new born.

Sunderland P.

Henry *Lord* Aruudel *of* Wardour, *Lord Privy Seal, depoſeth,*

THAT on the Tenth of *June* laſt, being *Sunday*, he had Notice given him that the Queen was in Labour, whereupon the Deponent repaired to St, *James's* betwixt Nine and Ten of the Clock in the Morning, where he found ſeveral Lords of the Council, in a little Time after, they were all called into the Queen's Bed-chamber, in leſs than a Quarter of an Hour after ſhe fell into the Sharpneſs of her Labour her Crys were ſo Vehement, and eſpecially the laſt, that the Deponent could not forbid himſelf the being concerned for her great Pain, which the Deponent expreſſing to the Lord Chancellor, he told the Deponent it was a Sign her Majeſty would the ſooner be delivered, or Words to that Purpoſe, which proved very true, for preſently after ſhe was ſo, the Deponent heard a Whiſpering up and down that it was a Prince, for no Man was permitted to ſpeak it aloud, leſt the ſudden Knowledge of it might have diſcompoſed the Queen, the Deponent did not go in with ſome Lords when the Child was carried into the next Room, which was the Occaſion the Deponent did not ſee him when he was uncovered and dreſt.

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John *Earl of* Mulgrave, *Lord Chamberlain of His Majeſt*y's *Houſhold ſaith, it is not to be expected one of his Sex ſhould be able to give full Evidence in ſuch a Matter, but depoſeth,*

THAT he was juſt at the Bed's Feet, and heard the Queen cry very much, then the Deponent followed the Child into the other Room, and it ſeemed a little black, the Deponent alſo ſaw it was a Boy.

Mulgrave.

William *Earl of* Craven *depoſeth*

THat he attending the King at St. *James*'s, the Tenth of *June* laſt, in the Morning, to receive the Word of His Majeſty, the King had Notice brought him, that the Queen was upon the Point of falling into Labour, upon which the King commanded this Deponent's Stay and Attendance, and after the Space of one Hour and ſomething more, this Deponent was with ſome other Lords of his Majeſty's Privy Council, called into the Queen's great Bed-chamber to be preſent at her Delivery, and as near as this Deponent can remember, the Queen made three Groans or Squeeks, and at the laſt of Three, ſhe was delivered of a Child; the which was carried out into the little Bed-chamber, and there by the Fire this Deponent ſaw it cleanſing. And this Deponent further ſaith, That he took that particular Mark of this Child, that he may ſafely aver, that the Prince of *Wales* is that very Child that then was ſo brought out of the Queen's Great Bed-chamber, where this Deponent and others were preſent, as aforeſaid, at Her Majeſty's Labour and Delivery. *Craven.*

Lewis *Earl of* Feverſham, *Lord Chamberlain to Her Majeſty the Queen Dowager, Depoſeth.*

THat being in Bed upon the 10*th.* of *June*, betwen 8 and 9 a-Clock in the Morning, Mr. *Nicolas*, one of His Majeſty's Grooms of His Bed-chamber, came into this Deponent's Room, and told him, that the King had ſent him to tell the Queen Dowager, that the Queen was in Labour; and told him further, that the Queen Dowager had given Order for Her Coach, as ſoon as ſhe heard the News of the Queen's Labour. The Depo-

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nent dreſſed himſelf with all Speed, and came to wait upon the Queen Dowager, who was ready to go into her Coach, as ſhe did; the Deponent went into one of her Coaches, to wait upon Her Majeſty as he uſed to do, having the Honour to be Her Lord Chamberlain: We went to St. *James's*, and then led Her Majeſty into the Queen's Bed-chamber, and finding the Queen in Pain, the Deponent went into the next Room, where were ſeveral Lords of the Privy Council, from whence the Deponent heard the Queen cry out ſeveral Times; and a very little after, the Lords of the Council were called in, and the Deponent followed them into the Bed-chamber; and a very little after the Queen cried louder, and then ſaid, Pray do not tell me what it is yet. The Deponent went out of the Room, to tell the News that the Queen was brought to Bed; and when the Deponent came in again, the News was, That it was a Prince; and immediatly the Deponent ſaw Ms. *Delabadie*, with the Child wrapt up in her Hands, and in the Crowd; upon which the Deponent deſired to make Room for the Prince, and followed her into the little Bed-chambr, where the Deponent ſaw the Prince as a Child newly born, as he believed it. *Feverſham.*

Alexander *Earl of* Murray, *Depoſeth.*

THat he came not to St. *James's*, till Half an Hour after the Queen was brought to Bed, and only heard, That Her Majeſty was brought to Bed of a Prince; which the Deponent verily believes (as he is alive) She brought into the World that very Morning, being the 10*th.* of *June* laſt, 1688. *Murray.*

Charles *Earl of* Middleton, *one of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, Depoſeth.*

THat the 10*th.* of *June* laſt paſt betwixt 8 and 9 of the Clock in the Morning, he had Notice, That the Queen's Majeſty was in Labour; whereupon the Deponent made what Haſte he could to St. *James's*: The Deponent found the Earl of *Craven* waiting at the Queen's Bed-chamber Door towards the Drawing Room, which was then ſhut: Juſt after the King opened it, and called the Earl of *Craven* and the Deponent in: The Deponent asked His Majeſty, How the Queen was? He was pleaſed

to anſwer the Deponent, You are a married Man, and ſo may know theſe Matters; The Water is broke or come away, or to that Effect; and then bid the Deponent go into the Dreſſing Room within the Bed-chamber, where the Deponent found ſeveral Perſons of Quality: Above Half an Hour after (to the beſt of this Deponent's Memory, all the Company in that Room were called into the Bed-chamber; The Deponent ſtood near the Bed's Feet, on the Left Side, where he heard the Queen's Groans, and preſently after ſeveral loud Skreeks; the laſt, the Deponent remembers continued ſo long, that he then wondred how any Body could hold their Breath ſo long: Preſently after, the Deponent heard them ſay the Queen was delivered; whereupon the Deponent ſtepped up to the Bed-ſide, and ſaw a Woman, he ſuppoſes the Midwife, kneeling at the other Side of the Bed, who had her Hands and Arms within the Bed-clothes for a pretty while; then the *D*eponent ſaw her ſpread a Cloth upon her Lap, and laid the End of it over the Bed-clothes, and then fetch a Child (as the Deponent firmly believes, for he could not then ſee it) out of the Bed into that Cloth, and give it to Ms. *Delabadie*, who brought it round to the Side where the Deponent ſtood, and carried it into a little Room, into which the Deponent immediatly followed the King, and ſaw her ſit down by the Fire, and heard her ſay, It is a Boy; upon which the King ſaid, let me ſee it; whereupon ſhe laid open the Cloth, and ſhewed all the Child, ſaying, There's what you wiſh to ſee: The Deponent doth not charge his Memory with the very Words, but the Senſe of what he heard. The Deponent looked upon the Child at the ſame Time, which appeared to be very foul. This Deponent deſireth Pardon if he doth not know the proper Expreſſion, but hopes his Meaning is Plain. *Middleton.*

John *Earl of* Melfort, *Depoſeth.*

THat on *Sunday* the 10*th.* of *June* laſt, betwixt 8 and 9 in the Morning, the Deponent was informed, That the Queen was in Labour; the Deponent went to St. *James's*, and waited in the Queen's Drawing-Room, till ſome of the Gentlemen told him he might go in; the Deponent ſcratched at the Door of the Bed-chamber, and finding no Anſwer, he ran down

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by the Garden Side, and came to the Queen's Back-Stairs; and finding the Dreſſing-Room Door open, the Deponent went in to the Queen's Bed-chamber, where he ſaw a great Number of Company, Lords and Ladies ſtanding about the Bed: The Deponent heard the Queen cry out in great Pain, as Women uſe to do when they are near being brought to Bed; the Deponent heard her complain, and a Womans Voice, which the Deponent thought to be the Midwife, telling her ſhe would be quickly well, ſhe would be brought to Bed immediatly; within a little, the Deponent heard the Ladies behind the Bed ſay the Queen was brought to Bed, and the Queen cry out, The Child is dead, I do not hear it cry; and immediatly the Child cried: Within a little the Deponent ſaw a Woman bring a Child from within the Bed; the Deponent looked ſo earneſtly at the Child, that he knew not what Woman it was: The Child was in the Condition of a new born Child, lapt up in looſe Clothes: The Deponent ſaw him carried into the little Bed-chamber, and went about by the Dreſſing-Room, and entred by the other Door into the Room where the Prince was, and ſaw him in the Condition of a New born Child; and the Deponent, by the Oath he hath taken, believes him to be the Queen's Child. *Melfort.*

Sidney *Lord* Godolphin, *Lord Chamberlain to the Queen, Depoſeth,*

THat he was called into the Queen's Bed-chamber, with the reſt of the Lords of the Council, being one of the laſt; and the Queen Dowager being there, and ſeveral Ladies, the Room was ſo full, That the Deponent could not get near the Bed, but ſtood by the Chimney; There the Deponent heard the Queen cry out ſeveral Times, as Women uſe to do that are in Labour; and the laſt Cry that the Deponent heard, was much greater than the other: Immediatly upon that, the Deponent was called out of the Room, to give ſome Directions about the Lodgings that were preparing for the Child, which were not ready: The Deponent made Haſte back again, but as he was coming, he met People running with the News, that the Queen was deliver'd of a Son; whereupon the Deponent went into the little Bed-chamber, and ſaw the Child. *Godolphin.*

Sir Stephen Fox *Knight, Deposeth.*

THat on *Sunday* the 10*th.* of *June* last past, about 9 of the Clock, as he came out of the Chappel at *Whitehall*, after the first Sermon, hearing that the Queen was in Labour, he, the Deponent, made Haste to St. *James's*, because in waiting, as an Officer of the green Cloth, to warn the several Servants below Stairs to be in their Offices, that upon that Occasion there might not happen to be any Thing wanting of Houshold Provisions and Necessaries under his, this Deponent's Command; but first going up by the Back-Stairs into her Majesty's Dressing-Room; and being there with many others, he heard Her Majesty cry out very loudly; whereupon this Deponent hastned to the *Green-Cloth*, and ordred the several Servants to deliver out of their several Offices, whatsoever should be called for; and as this Deponent was returning back to the Queen's said Dressing-Room, he was told a Prince was born: Upon which News, he, this Deponent, went into the Queens little Bed-chamber, and saw the young Child before He was dress'd. *Ste. Fox.*

Lieut. Col. Edward Griffin, *Deposeth.*

THat upon *Sunday* the 10*th.* of *June* last, he had the Honour to be in waiting upon the King with the Stick, and between 8 and 9 in the Morning, this Deponent was in the Queen's Dressing-Room at St *James's*, with several Lords of the Council; and after some Time we were there, the King came out of the Queen's Bed-chamber, and called all the Lords in, and this Deponent went in along with them, being in waiting; immediatly after the said Lords and this Deponent were in the Room, the Queen cried out exremely, and said, *Oh, I die; you kill me; you kill me*: And the Midwife (as this Deponent believeth) answered, *This one Pain, Madam, and 'twill be over*; then presently Ms. *Dawson* made this Deponent the Sign that the Child was born; then this Deponent heard the Queen say, *Don't tell me what it is yet*; and Ms. *Dawson* came to this Deponent, and whisper'd him in the Ear, *'Tis a Prince, but don't take Notice of it yet.* Then Ms. *Delabadie* brought away the Child from the Bed-Side, and carried it into the little Bed-chamber, and the King and the Lords of

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the Council went after her, but this Deponent did not follow them. *Edward Griffin.*

Sir Charles Scarburgh, *First Physician to the King, Deposeth,*

THAT upon the Deponent's coming to visit her Majesty then lying at St. *James's*, on *Sunday* the 10 of *June* 1688, as the Deponent went up the Back-stairs, he heard the joyful Acclamation, that a Prince of *Wales* was born, upon which the Deponent hastned presently into the little Bed-chamber, where the Deponent found Mrs. *Delabadie* just sitting down before the Fire, with the new born Prince wrapp'd in the Mantles, lying in her Lap. Then passing to the Queen in the next Bed-chamber, the Deponent congratulated the happy Birth of the Prince, and her Majesty's safe Delivery. The Queen was wearied and panting, but otherwise in good Condition: Then the Midwife brought to the Deponent the After-birth reeking warm, which Sir *Thomas Witherley*, with the Deponent, examined, and found very sound and perfect. After a while, the Deponent understood, that a Medicine was mentioned among the Ladies for a certain Remedy against Convulsions: It was, some Drops of Blood from the Navel-string; the Deponent consulted Sir *Thomas Witherley* and the other Physicians; and to satisfy the Women, it was allowed of; there being, as was conceived, no Danger in the Thing. Whereupon, the Midwife, with a small Knife slit the Navel-string beyond the Ligature, from which came some Drops of fresh Blood, taken in a Spoon, and given the Child, being mix'd with a little *Black Cherry-Water*. Thus much the Deponent hath to say upon her Majesty's present Delivery.

Now for the Time of the Queen's Conception, she often told the Deponent and others, That she had two Reckonings; one, from *Tuesday* the 6th of *Sept.* when the King return'd from his Progress to the Queen then at *Bath*, and the other from *Thursday* the 6th of *Octob.* when the Queen came to the King at *Windsor*; but for some Reasons, the Queen rather reckoned from the Latter; though afterwards it prov'd just to agree with the Former. Moreover, her Majesty, when, according to her Reckoning, she was gone with Child 12 Weeks, said that she was quick, and perceived the Child to move; the Deponent returned no Answer

to the Queen, but privately told those about her, That in Truth, it could not so be in so short a Time; yet the Queen was in the Right, only mistook her Reckoning; for she was then full 16 Weeks gone with Child; about which time she usually quickned with her former Children, and accordingly was brought to bed on the 10th of *June*, 1688, and within Three or four Days of full forty Weeks.

Charles Scarburgh,

Sir Thomas Witherely, *Second Physician to the King, Deposeth.*

THAT on *Sunday* the 10th of *June*, the Deponent was present in the Queen's Bed-chamber when the Prince of *Wales* was born; the Deponent saw Mrs. *Delabadie* bring the Child from the Midwife, and carry him into the next Room, whither the Deponent followed her, and saw the Child before he was cleaned; and having a Command from the Queen, that there should be two Drops of the Blood of the After-burthen given the first Thing; We the said Deponent and the other Physicians did take two drops of Blood from the Navel-string which remained upon the Child, and gave it in a Spoonfull of *Black-cherry-water* as the Queen commanded. After this, the Deponent saw (as also did the other Physicians) the After-burden entire.

Tho. Witherley.

Sir William Waldegrave, *Kt. her Majesty's first Physician, Deposeth.*

THAT in the Progress of her Majesty's being with Child, the Dponent having the Honour to wait upon her as usual; upon the 13th of *February* 1688, about 10 in the Morning, she told the Deponent, she had Milk in her Breasts, which dropt out; it was then thought the 19th Week according to one Reckoning, but according to another Reckoning, it was the One or two and twentieth Week: The Deponent also affirmeth, That her Majesty took such adstringent Medicins, during the most part of her being with Child, in order to avoid Miscarriage, that if she had not been with Child, they must have been prejudicial to her Health, and of dangerous consequence. Upon the 10th of *June* 1688, the Deponent was call'd at his Lodging in *Whitehall*,

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to wait upon the Queen, being told, she was in Labour, upon which, the Deponent immediately went to St. *James's*, and so into the Queen's Bed-chamber, and found her beginning her Labour, it being about eight of the Clock in the Morning; the Deponent stirr'd not from thence, but to get such Medicines as were fit for her Majesty, and then returned again, and was in the Bed-chamber when she cried out, and was delivered. The Deponent followed Mrs. *Delabadie*, who took the Prince in her Arms so soon as he was born, and carried him into the little Bed-chamber, where the Deponent saw him upon her Lap, and was by when he took two or three Drops of the Navel-string fresh warm Blood, which was mix'd with *Black-cherry-water*, then returned into the great Bed-chamber, where the Deponent saw the After-burthen fresh and warm.

William Waldegrave.

Dr. Robert Brady, *one of His Majesty's Physicians in Ordinary, Deposeth.*

THAT a little before 10 of the Clock in the Morning, on the 10th of *June*, 1688, the Deponent was in the Queen's little Bed-chamber at St. *James's*, where the Deponent saw the Prince of *Wales* in Mrs. *Delabadie*'s Lap by the Fire-side; the Deponent desired to see the Linnen and Blankets opened, in which he was wrapped; which being done, the Deponent saw it was a Male Child, and the Navel-string hanging down to, or below the virile Parts, with a Ligature upon it, not far from the Body, but did not see any After-burden hanging at, or joined to it, not being at the Birth: The Deponent asked how long he had been born, the Standers-by told him, at three quarters of an Hour after Nine of the Clock, the Queen was delivered.

Robert Brady.

James St. Amand, *their Majesties Apothecary, Deposeth,*

THAT from the Beginning of *November* last, he hath generally every Day, till the 9th of *June* 1688, given by the Physicians Orders, restringent and corroborating Medicines to the Queen's Majesty, That on the 10th of *June* he was sent for in haste to come to St. *James's* to her Majesty, who, the Messen-

ger told him, was in Labour, That the Deponent then received a Note from the Phyſicians for Medicines for her Majeſty, which the Deponent was oblig'd to ſtay and prepare, and ſo came not to St. *James's* till the Queen was delivered; the Deponent meeting, juſt as he was going into the Bed-chamber, Mrs. *Delabadie* with the young Prince in her Arms, the King, and ſeveral of the Lords, ſoon after following into the little Bed-chamber, where the Deponent ſaw the Child naked, before it was cleanſed from the Impurities of the Birth; and alſo ſaw the Navel-ſtring cut and ſome Drops of freſh Blood received into a Spoon, which ſhe mingled with a little *Black-cherry-water*, and ſaw them given by the Phyſicians Orders to the Child; and afterwards going into the great Bed-chamber, where the Queen was delivered, he ſaw the After-burthen, *&c.* freſh.

Ja. St. Amand.

After theſe Depoſitions were taken, His Majeſty was pleaſed to acquaint the Lords, That the Princeſs Anne *of* Denmark *would have been preſent, but that ſhe being with Child, and having not lately ſtirred abroad, could not come ſo far without Hazard: Adding further,*

AND now, My Lords, although I did not queſtion but every Perſon here preſent was ſatisfied before in this Matter: Yet by what you have heard, you will be better able to ſatisfy others. Beſides, if I and the Queen could be thought ſo wicked as to endeavour to impoſe a Child upon the Nation, you ſee how impoſſible it would have been; neither could I my Self be impoſed upon, having conſtantly been with the Queen during her being with Child, and the whole time of her Labour. And there is none of you but will eaſily believe Me, who have ſuffered ſo much for Conſcience ſake, uncapable of ſo great a Villany, to the prejudice of my own Children. And I thank God, that thoſe that know Me, know well that it is My Principle to do as I would be done by, for that is the Law and the Prophets: And I would rather die a thouſand Deaths, than do the leaſt Wrong to any of my Children.

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His Majesty further said,

IF any of My Lords think it necessary the Queen should be sent for, it shall be done. *But their Lordships not thinking it necessary, Her Majesty was not sent for.*

'TIS Ordered this Day by His Majesty in Council, That the several Declarations here before made by his Majesty, and by her Majesty the Queen Dowager, together with the several Depositions here entred, be forthwith Enrolled in the Court of Chancery. *And the Lord Chancellor is Ordered to cause the same to be Enrolled accordingly.*

IN Pursuance of which Order in Council, the Lord Chancellor on *Saturday* the 27th Day of *October* following, in the High Court of *Chancery* (many of the Nobility and Lords of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council being there present) caused the aforesaid Order of Council and Declaration of His Majesty, and likewise that of Her Majesty the Queen Dowager, to be openly and distinctly Read in Court, and the same are Entred in the Words aforesaid, in the Council Book. And the Lords and Ladies, and other Persons who made the respective Depositions aforesaid, being present in Court, were Sworn again; and having heard their several Depositions distinctly Read in the Words aforesaid, and being severally Interrogated by the Court to the Truth thereof, they all upon their Oaths affirmed their respective Depositions to be true: And did likewise Depose, (except some few who came in late to the Council Chamber, or some who stood at too great a Distance) That they heard His Majesty, and her *Majesty* the Queen Dowager, make the several *Declarations* aforesaid, and that the same, as they had been Read, were truly Entred, as they did believe, in the Council Book, according to the Sense, Intent and Meaning of what His Majesty the King, and Her Majesty the Queen Dowager did then declare. And forasmuch as the Earl of *Huntingdon* and the Earl of *Peterburrow*, who were able to *Depose* to the Matters aforesaid, had not been examined at the Council Board,

but had brought their ſeveral *Depoſitions* in Writing, which they delivered into Court; the ſaid Lord Chancellor, after the ſaid Earls were ſeverally Sworn, Ordered their *Depoſitions* to be openly Read in the Words following.

UPON *Trinity Sunday*, Tenth of *June* 1688, I went to St. *James's* Houſe about Nine a-clock in the Morning, and followed my Lord Chancellor through the Lodgings to the Dreſſing Room, next to the Queen's Bed-chamber, where divers Lords of the Council were met, upon occaſion of the Queen's being in Labour; the King came ſeveral times into the Room, and amongſt other things was pleaſed to tell us, that the Queen came exactly according to her firſt Reckoning, which was from the King's Return from his Progreſs to *Bath*, in *September* 1687. After this the Counſellors were ordered to come into the Bed-chamber, and I ſtood on that Side of the Bed that had the Curtains drawn open: I heard Her Majeſty cry out ſeveral times, I ſtay'd in the Room during the Birth of the Prince of *Wales*, I ſaw him carried in to the Little Bed-chamber, whither the King, the Lords, and my ſelf in particular, did follow him.

Huntingdon.

I Had the Honour to be in the King's Chamber in the Morning, when Word was brought him the Queen was not well, and followed him into the *Dreſſing* Room next Her Majeſty's Bed-chamber, where I ſtay'd till his *Majeſty* call'd me to come in, which was about the Beginning of her Pains. I confeſs, the Compaſſion I had for her *Majeſty*, hearing her Cries, made my Stay there very uneaſy; one of the laſt eſpecially ſeem'd to me ſo ſharp, as it really forced me for a little Time to ſtop my Ears with my Fingers, to avoid hearing more of the like; when ſetting them at liberty, I heard no more, but perceived a ſudden Satisfaction in the Faces of the Aſſiſtants, ſeveral ſaying that the Queen was *Delivered*; and ſoon thereupon I ſaw the Prince brought from about the Bed, and carried into the Little Bed-chamber, whi-

whither I went afterwards, to behold him more particularly, where I saw him as a Child newly Born.

After which the said Earls did severally, upon their Oaths affirm their Depositions to be true, as they had been Read, and that they were present in Council, and heard His Majesty and Her Majesty the Queen Dowager make the several Declarations aforesaid, and that the same were Entred in the Council Book, as they did believe, according to the Effect, true Sense and Meaning of what their Majesties declared in Council: Whereupon his Majesty's Attorney General moved the Court, that the said Declarations of His Majesty and of Her Majesty, the Queen Dowager, and the several Depositions, and the Order of Council should be Enrolled in the Petty-bag-office, and in the Office of Enrolments in the Court of Chancery, for the safe Preservation and Custody of them, which the Lord Chancellor Ordered accordingly.

EDINBURGH, *The Ninth Day of* November, 1688 *Years.*

Present in Council.

The Earl of *Perth*, Lord H. Chancellor.
The Lord Arch-bishop of St. *Andrew's*.
The Lord Arch-bishop of *Glasgow*.
The Marq. of *Athol*, Lord Privy-Seal.
The Lord Duke of *Gordon*.
The Earl of *Errol*.
The Earl of *Cassils*.
The Earl of *Linlithgow*, L. Justice General.
The Earl of *Dumferline*.
The Earl of *Strathmore*.
The Earl of *Lauderdale*.
The Earl of *Traquaire*.
The Earl of *Belcarras*.
The Earl of *Broadalbine*.
The Lord Vis. *Tarbat*.
The Lord *Strathnaver*.
The Lord *Maitland*.
The Lord *Duffus*.
The Lord *Kinaird*.
The M. of *Balmerinoch*.
The Lord P. of S.
The Lord Advocat.
The Lord J. Clerk.
The Lord *Castlehill*.
The Lord *Lochore*.
Sir *George Monro*.
The Laird of *Nidry*.

Depositions concerning the Birth of His Royal Highness
PRINCE of Scotland and Wales, being transmitted to His
Majesty's Privy-Council of this Kingdom by the Secretaries of State,
and being solemnly read in Council, were ordered to be forthwith printed
and published. Extracted forth of the Records of Privy-Council, by

WILL. PATERSON,

Cler. Concilii.